

Zeem language

Zeem, or **Chaari**, is an endangered Chadic dialect cluster of Nigeria, whose speakers are shifting to Hausa.^[4] **Dyarim** is closely related.

The Zeem language is spoken in Toro LGA, Bauchi State. The Tulai and Danshe dialects are no longer spoken.^[1] It is also called Chaari, Dokshi, Dyarum, Kaiwari, Kaiyorawa, Lukshi, and Lushi.^[5]

Dyarim had been influenced by Beromic languages during a time when Beromic was more widespread.^[6]

Varieties

Zeem-Caari-Danshe-Dyarim cluster varieties listed by Blench (2019):^[7]

- Zeem (extinct)
- Tule (extinct)
- Danshe
- Chaari
- Dyarim
- Dokshi (Lukshi, Lushi)
- Jimi

Blench reports in 2019 that only 3 very elderly speakers of the **Dokshi** language remain in the village of Lukshi, Bauchi State.

Notes

1. Zeem (<https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/zua/>) at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)
2. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Zeem" (<http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/zeem1242>). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.
3. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Dyarim" (<http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/dyar1234>). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.
4. Newman, Paul (1990). *Nominal and verbal plurality in Chadic* (<https://books.google.com/?id=R1w6Fgpo-RQC&pg=PR9&dq=Zeem+%22Chadic+language%22>). Walter de Gruyter. p. 3. ISBN 978-90-6765-499-9. Retrieved 2009-07-28.
5. OLAC resources in and about the Zeem language (<http://www.language-archives.org/language/zua>)
6. Blench, Roger. 2005. The Dyarim language of Central Nigeria and its affinities (https://www.academia.edu/2775947/The_Dyarim_language_of_Central_Nigeria_and_its_affinities).

Zeem	
Region	Bauchi State
Native speakers	400 (2003) ^[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Chadic <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ West <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Barawa (B.3) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Zaar <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Zeem
Dialects	Zeem (†) <p>Caari</p> <p>Danshe (†)</p> <p>Lushi (?)</p> <p>Dyarim</p> <p>Tule (†)</p>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	zua
Glottolog	zeem1242 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/zeem1242) Zeem ^[2] <p>dyar1234 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/dyar1234) Dyarim^[3]</p>

7. Blench, Roger (2019). *An Atlas of Nigerian Languages* (4th ed.). Cambridge: Kay Williamson Educational Foundation.

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